

THE ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

**TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS
AT THE OPENING MEETINGS.**

Simultaneous Exercises in the Mechanic Building and Williston and Endeavor Tents—A Welcome for Governor Greenhalge and Lieutenant-Governor Wolcott. Boston, July 11.—The big Christian

The meeting in Mechanics' building was attended by fully 11,000 persons, and many were unable to gain admission. The stage, except the portion reserved for the speakers, was occu-

pled by one section of the chorus, nearly 1,000 voices, in charge of Musical Director Percy S. Foster of Washington, D. C. When President Clark appeared on the platform, he was greeted with applause. He called the meeting to order at 9:30 o'clock.

Hon. S. B. Capen, chairman of the committee of '95, made the address of welcome in behalf of the committee. President Clark then introduced Governor Greenhalge, who was greeted

The annual report of General Secretary Baer was read simultaneously in the Mechanics' building, in Tent Williston and in Tent Endeavor. It showed that there are now 41,229 societies. Of these 4,712 are in foreign lands, the United Kingdom heading the list with 2,645 which figure includes 180 from Wales, 112 from Scotland, and 53 from Ireland.

Australia now has 1,059, Africa 308, China 32, France 64, India 117, Japan 59, Madagascar 93, Mexico 25, Turkey 23, West India Islands 63; all countries are represented save five—Italy, Russia, Iceland, Sweden and Greece. Ontario has 1,995 societies, Nova Scotia 388, Quebec 264, New Brunswick 152, Manitoba 156, Prince Edward Island 62, Assiniboia 53, British Columbia 40, Alberta 15, Saskatchewan 5; in all

counting 5 in Newfoundland, 3,105 in Canada, an increase of 1,223 during the past year. In the United States, Pennsylvania still leads with 4,189 societies. New York next with 3,822, Ohio 2,787, Illinois 2,446, Indiana 1,763, Iowa 1,563, Massachusetts 1,306, Kansas 1,247, Missouri 1,133, Michigan 1,082, New Jersey 1,045, etc.; in all, from the United States 33,412 as against 28,696 last year. These

figures from the United States include 18 senior societies, 33 mothers' societies, 62 intermediate companies, and it includes the societies of schools, in colleges, in public institutions of various kinds, in prisons and schools of reform to the number of 169. It includes 25 members of the North American union of German Christian Endeavor, and 8,859 members of junior companies.

839 from Canada and 224 from other lands, making in all 9,122 junior societies, with a membership of 340,000. Pennsylvania still leads the juniors with 1,023, New York has 920, Illinois 748, Ohio 623, Indiana 470, California 414. The total membership of all societies is 2,473,740.

Four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars was contributed during 1894 for religious, charitable and missionary purposes.

More than 6,000 enthusiastic Endeavorers crowded Tent Endeavor long before the time for the actual opening of the session. Crimson and white streamers were draped from the great center poles above and from the sides of the tent. Flags and colors of all nations interspersed the streamers, and testified to the international character of the gathering. A grand chorus of 500 voices occupied the platform with the spectators and prominent members of the

There was no actual beginning to the service, the chorus and delegates spontaneously starting an Endeavor hymn long before the hour for the first number on the program. At 9:30 the Rev. J. T. Beckley, D. D., of New York opened the meeting according to the program by announcing the first hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." G. C. Stebbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., led the devotion, and the emphasis of the hymn

After another song, the hymn of welcome, written for the occasion by Dr. S. F. Smith, the author of "America," was sung. A. J. Crockett, president, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Endeavorers of Boston. The welcome of the city pastors was extended by the Rev. M. D. Kneeland.

Lieutenant Governor Roger Walcott also welcomed the delegates on behalf of the state. He praised the objects of the society, expressed the admiration of the people of the Bay State for the good work it had done, and wished the endeavorers prosperity and success in their work. The Rev. J. H. Barrows, D. D., of Chicago, responded to the welcome of Massachusetts and Boston, and

Tent Williston was crowded to its utmost capacity, fully 8,000 people being gathered within the canvas walls. The meeting was most enthusiastic. The address of welcome on behalf of the city was delivered by Alderman Sanford, Mayor Curtis having sensed that he was prevented from attending, but would be heard from at the convention before its close.

This afternoon the Christian Endeavor

orers met in rallies according to their denominations in the hall, tents and city churches. Mechanics' hall was filled with the Presbyterians. Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., of Sharpsburg, Pa., presided, and William M. Benham, esq. of Pittsburg, Pa., led in a brief praise and prayer service. Rev. James T. Black of East Boston gave a welcome for the Boston Presbyterians. Such a gathering, he said, would help and encourage every denomination in its work.

Secretary J. W. Baer extended the
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